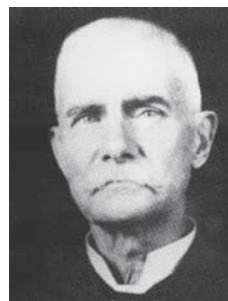


HISTORICAL REVIEW

Opening of the University of Zagreb in 1874 was accompanied by passing the Act on University Structure, stating that the University of Zagreb would have four schools, i.e. Theology School, Law and Public Law School, Medical School, and School of Arts and Humanities. However, establishment of the School of Medicine was delayed due to excessive cost. Establishment of the School of Medicine was discussed in the Croatian Parliament, healthcare institutions and Croatian Medical Association, and consistently commented in *Liječnički vjesnik*. A foundation was established to support the process financially; however, it was only in 1914, i.e. 40 years of the University of Zagreb establishment, that opening of the School of Medicine was proposed. In summer 2014, World War I broke out and establishment of the School of Medicine was delayed again. Three years later, at the beginning of 1917, after long-standing efforts, discussions in the Parliament and Croatian Medical Association, petitions submitted to the governor (*ban*) and plenty of debate, as recorded in *Liječnički vjesnik* No. 2/1917, it was decided finally to establish the School of Medicine, University of Zagreb. Teaching at the School of Medicine started 100 years ago, thus opening a new significant period in the history of Croatian medicine. Our Hospital had a major role in the establishment of the School of Medicine because our surgeons Dr Teodor Wickerhauser, Dr Miroslav Čačković and Dr Dragutin Mašek were appointed first professors at the School of Medicine and had to organize teaching activities for the School to work in line with the then circumstances. Dr Wickerhauser, who was head of the Department of Surgery at our Hospital, was an excellent sur-

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geon and teacher to many renowned surgeons; Dr Čačković and Dr Mašek also were among his disciples. As Dr Wickerhauser did not want to deliver lectures, Professor Čačković and Professor Mašek were appointed dean and vice-dean at the School of Medicine. In spite of all obstacles and difficulties, the School of Medicine has been performing a very significant social function of medical education since 1917. Since the very beginning, our Hospital has been continuously acting as a major factor in medical education and medical science for the whole century now, through its clinical departments and great engagement of its physicians, lecturers and professors. All this will hopefully be continued in the future. In his book *Otorinolaringologija-propedeutika* (Otorhinolaryngology-Propedeutics), Professor Šercer, one of our famous professors, quotes Claude Bernard, a renowned French physiologist: «Care should be taken that the knowledge we transfer to the young does not overburden their intelligence instead of reinforcing it». It would be desirable that professors and teachers are familiar with this wise thought and continue applying it in their educational work.

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